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NEW, CONTINUATION, DIVISIONAL OR
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No. 6039-000277
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a patent application for:

METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING
AND AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING
THE THICKNESS PROFILE IN THE PRODUCTION OF BLOWN FILM

3 identified by: [] First named inventor _____
or [✓] Attorney Docket No. (see above)

1. Type of Application

[✓] This application is a new (non-continuing) application.

[] This application is a [] continuation / [] divisional / [] continuation-in-part of prior application No. _____. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

—This is a [continuation/division/continuation-in-part] of United States patent application No. ____, filed _____.—

[] The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN DUPLICATE: one copy for this application and one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable).

2. Contents of Application

a. Specification of **thirty-two (32)** pages;

[] A microfiche computer program (Appendix);

[] A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;

[] Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation [] is enclosed [] will be filed.

[] Cancel original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)

b. [✓] Drawing Figures 1-11 on ten (10) sheets;

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c. A signed Oath/Declaration [] is enclosed / will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is [] newly executed / [] a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) / [] accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

d. Fees

| FILING FEE | Number | Number | Basic Fee |
|--|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| CALCULATION | Filed | Extra | Rate |
| Total Claims | 30 - 20 = | 10 × \$18.00 | = 180.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 - 3 = | 1 × \$78.00 | = 78.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used | | \$260.00 | = 00.00 |
| FILING FEE - NON-SMALL ENTITY | | | 948.00 |
| FILING FEE - SMALL ENTITY: Reduction by 1/2 [] Verified Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is enclosed. [] Verified Statement filed in prior application. | | | |
| Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00) | | | |
| 37 C.F.R. §1.17(k) Fee (non-English application) | | | |
| TOTAL | | | 948.00 |

[] A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

The calculated fees will be paid within the time allotted for completion of the filing requirements.

[] The calculated fees are to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

3. Priority Information

Foreign Priority: Priority based on German Application No. 199 42 999.5 filed September 9, 1999 and German Application No. 100 29 175.9 filed June 19, 2000 is claimed.

Copies of the above-referenced priority documents are enclosed / [] will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

[] **Provisional Application Priority:** Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. ____, filed ____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

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4. Other Submissions

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement, _____ sheet of PTO Form 1449, and _____ patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.

An unsigned power of attorney

is submitted with the new Oath/Declaration.

is of record in the prior application and is in the original papers / a copy is enclosed.

An Assignment of the invention

is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.

is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to _____, and is recorded at Reel _____, Frame(s) _____.

An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.

Other: _____

Attention is directed to the fact that the correspondence address for this application is:

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Respectfully,


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